

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (New) A liquid-applying device comprising a tubular container, a connecting/discharging unit, and a comb attachment,

said tubular container comprising a top flat surface provided with a raised portion, a neck having a screw thread spirally disposed on an outer wall, and an opening in the center of said raised portion in which to fit an inside plug;

said inside plug comprising a peripheral wall having a plurality of passage holes and a bottom plate disposed under said peripheral wall, and being fitted in the opening of said raised portion;

said connecting/disposing unit comprising a discharging cylinder, a connecting cylinder which is inserted into a space surrounded by the peripheral wall of the inside plug so as to open or close the plurality of passage holes formed in the peripheral wall of the inside plug, and a fitting cylinder having a screw thread spirally disposed on an inner wall for screw engagement with the screw thread of the neck;

said comb attachment comprising a comb shaft fitted to the connecting/discharging unit and a row of teeth disposed along one side of said comb shaft and extending laterally; and

said row of teeth comprising a pair of solid teeth at front and rear positions of the row and liquid-discharging teeth sandwiched between said solid teeth, each liquid-discharging tooth having a hollow discharge path inside, which connects to a tunnel of the comb shaft, and having discharge ports opened at the tip,

wherein said solid teeth are taller than the liquid-applying teeth.

8. (New) The liquid-applying device according to Claim 7 wherein a locking ring is formed so as to project sideways from the upper end of a tubular container neck, and is engaged with an engaging ring disposed on an inner wall of the fitting cylinder of the connecting/discharging unit, with said locking ring of the neck being used to set an upper limit to upward movement permitted to the fitting cylinder.

9. (New) The liquid-applying device according to Claim 8 wherein a valve unit having a valve cylinder is disposed inside the neck of the tubular container and is used to prevent the backward flow of contents and the intake of outside air after the contents have been squeezed out of the container.